

REMARKS

The subject matter of claim 24 was incorporated into main claim 18. Thus, the main claim 18 additionally recites that the light source is pulsed on and off while the light beam is swept over the light paths.

This limitation is not disclosed in, or suggested by IEEE. Note that the caption of Fig. 10 of IEEE states that the images were created on film with the assistance of a mechanical shutter and an acousto-optic modulator, as depicted in Fig. 9. These devices deflect and block the light beam emitted from the laser, but do not pulse the laser on and off. Nor is this feature suggested by any other applied reference. Allowance of claim 18 and its dependent claims 19-22 and 25-31 is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of the double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,655,597 is solicited. The instant application is a continuation of the '597 patent and, hence, the double patenting rejection is improper. The Cross Reference to Related Applications has been amended to make this clear.

Also requesting reconsideration is the double patenting rejection over U.S. Patent No. 6,119,944 since the main claim thereof relates to a marking instrument that also collects data for subsequent downloading. The main claim of the instant application does not recite any means for marking or any means for downloading data and, indeed, recites a projector and a mode selector, both of which are not claimed in the '944 patent.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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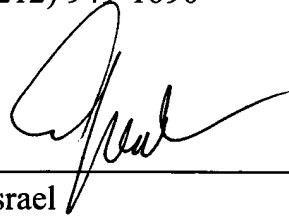
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